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Data compiled in the U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Accommodation or Food Services Report are part of the official statistics used to measure economic performance in the United States. We have enclosed your 2011 Annual Accommodation or Food Services Report form and ask that you complete and **return the report by the due date shown on the front of the form.** Your participation is required by law (Title 13, United States Code), and your timely response will help minimize costly follow-up with your company.

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Sincerely,

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